

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 14 are amended herein. Claims 1-14 are currently pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a contact time between the second contact protrusion and the second contact terminal is shorter than the contact time between the first contact protrusion and the first contact terminal and not shorter than the contact time between the third contact protrusion and the third contact terminal. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not teach this feature. Instead, Kim teaches first-to-unmate pilot terminals and last-to-unmate primary terminals. Kim, col. 3, ln. 50-55.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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